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EXAMINER: Deepak R. Rao

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Commissioner of Patents
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Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2005 for which the period for response expired on October 26, 2005. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time to extend the response period up to and including December 26, 2005. Please charge Deposit Account No. 07-1392 in the amount of \$450.00. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 29 of this paper.

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5. One of ordinary skill in the art would easily understand the difference between a monovalent alkyl and a bivalent alkyl based upon the formula as written. As stated above, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that, as shown in the examples, if R¹¹ is an alkyl, then the R¹¹ connecting, or between -O and -OR¹¹ is a bivalent group. As previously indicated, an illustration of the term "-OR¹¹OR¹¹" is provided by Examples 250, 251, and 252 on pages 359 - 361.

6. Claim 18 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

7. Claims 26 and 43-47 have been amended to remove "particularly". Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

8. Claim 40 has been amended to delete the term "R³". Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

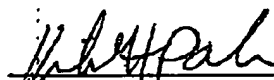
9. Claim 48 and 49 have been amended, therefore, this rejection is moot.

Examiner's points 1 through 9 having been addressed, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2 - 7, 9 - 14, 18 - 20, 26, 28, 29, 34 - 36, 40, 43-51, 54 and 56 - 62 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the amendments and foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early consideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1392.

Respectfully submitted,



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